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April 26 1979

Honorable John C. Danforth
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Danforth:

This is in further reply to your inquiry concerning Mrs. Mildred Brethauer, 1540 La Dina Drive, Ellisville, Missouri 63011.

Since the members of the Peoples Temple were living in a foreign country, they would not have been eligible for welfare payments.

Social security checks are sent to beneficiaries who live outside the United States. There were 196 beneficiaries receiving checks at the Peoples Temple Mission Village in Guyana. Their checks were stopped as of November 18, 1978, when the tragedy occurred. To date, only 8 of the 196 beneficiaries have submitted evidence of their identity and have had their benefits resumed to new addresses in the United States.

I regret that we cannot answer Mrs. Brethauer's question about the return of the bodies from Guyana and their burial. The State Department rather than HEW was responsible for the expenditures incurred in returning both the Jonestown survivors and the victims of the Guyana tragedy to the United States. Therefore, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to the State Department for consideration.

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Brethauer also wrote to us about this matter and I replied on March 27.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Parrott
Associate Commissioner
for External Affairs

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State Department

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April 4, 1979

Mr. John Riley, Director
Congressional Relations
Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Mr. Riley:

Attached is a communication this office received from Senator Danforth, together with a copy of our letter informing him that it has been referred to you for response.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Boyle
Director
Office of Congressional Liaison

Enclosures

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20531

April 4, 1979

The Honorable John C. Danforth
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Danforth:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding possible mailing of Social Security checks to former members of the People's Temple.

This matter falls within the purview of the Social Security Administration and I have referred your letter to that Administration. I am sure that you will receive a response soon.

Please continue to call upon us whenever you believe the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration may be able to be helpful.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Boyle
Director
Office of Congressional Liaison

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 22, 1979

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ar Sir:

A constituent has written me concerning a matter which falls thin the jurisdiction of your agency.

I refer this matter to your office for a preliminary amination. I would appreciate receiving your comments, in plicate, together with the return of the correspondence.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John C. Danforth

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